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China employs various foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI) tactics to manipulate global information for its interests¹.

These include, beyond state media, private public relations firms and local influencers, but also government-organised non-governmental organisations (GONGOs). Additionally, China engages in transnational information suppression to silence critical voices through coercion or incentives (often difficult to detect) and targeting institutions like businesses, civil society, universities, governments and especially diaspora individuals and their families. In response, the European External Action Service (EEAS) is boosting situational awareness, enhancing EU and its partners' capabilities to counteract such manipulation and developing policies to impose costs on FIMI perpetrators. The EEAS' efforts are complemented by the Commission's work on the democracy shield.

¹ 3rd EEAS Report on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference Threats, March 2025:
<https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/2025/EEAS-3nd-ThreatReport-March-2025-05-Digital-HD.pdf>.